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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 05 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 8, and 14.

Identification of prior art discussed: Joseph (U.S. Patent No. 5,873,106).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The rejection of claim 8 under Joseph was discussed. Specifically, the limitation regarding the use of an application program interface. Although Joseph makes no mention of an application programming interface, Examiner believes that an application programming interface would inherently have to be used for interaction of the geometry management system with the windows of an application. Examiner will review the fact and a following-up interview will be conducted.